

1 REMARKS

2 Status of Claims

3 Claims 24, 49-55, 58-63, 70, 71, and 88-92 are pending in the present application.

4 Claims 24, 50, 60, 61, and 88 have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

5 Entry of Amendment under Rule 1.312

6 The present amendment does not enlarge the scope of the claims, and will require only
7 cursory review by the Examiner.

8 The present amendment should be considered to be directed to correcting a formal matter,
9 albeit a formal matter identified by applicants, rather than by the Examiner.

10 The current amendment is directed to amending the language used to define the handle in
11 each independent claim. The amended language is as follows: "a handle having a size and shape
12 simulating a handle of a medical laparoscope."

13 Applicants have argued that none of the cited art discloses a handle that simulates the handle
14 of an actual laparoscope. It was only in a post allowance review of the claims that it was discovered
15 that the language employed recited a "handle having a size and shape simulating a medical
16 laparoscope."

17 The change to the scope of the claims by this amendment is minimal, and the change should
18 not require more than a cursory review.

19 Should any further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney
20 at the number listed below.

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